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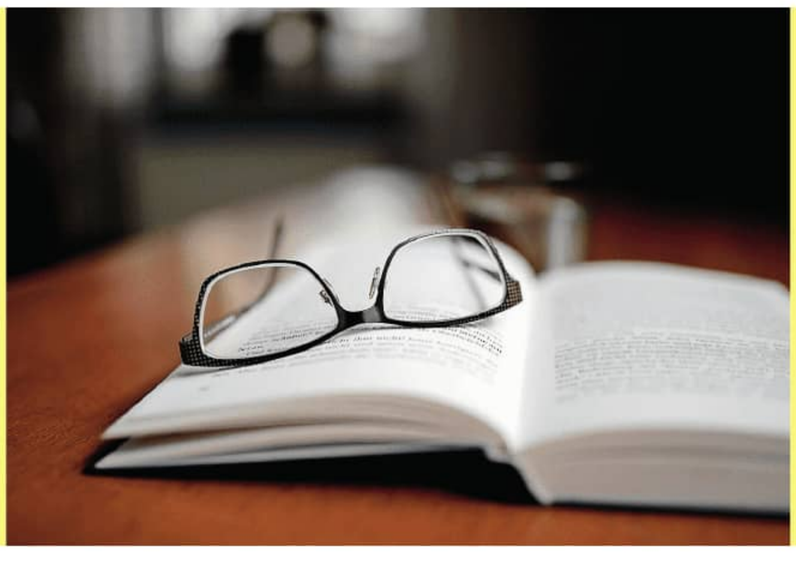

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Market price of vaccine for stray dogs is said to be Rs 200 plus tax, but BBMP went ahead and bought them at Rs 240 including tax; why did it pay Rs 28 extra and why did it buy 5-in-1 shots when 7-in-1 is preferred are questions animal activists have been asking

YOU SURE DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN

Calls for independent audit as civic agency defends its stance

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While we usually try to look for a better bargain while shopping, it seems the BBMP is willing to pay more than the market price. The case of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Animal Husbandry Department paying more to may for vaccines for stray dogs and that too for a less protective shot, has cast a shadow on the initiative itself.

It has emerged that the BBMP Animal Husbandry Department paid Rs 28 extra for each unit of vaccine (Megavac-7) than the market price. It said the same vaccine is available for Rs 200 plus five percent tax. The Animal Husbandry department procured 1,40,000 vaccines (Megavac-7) from a private entity by allegedly paying Rs 39,00,000 extra than the market price. Animal rights activists are up in arms against the BBMP officials for not doing due diligence while agreeing to pay Rs 228 plus five percent tax per unit of vaccine.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health and Animal Husbandry) Vikas Suralkar Kishor told BM the BBMP Animal Husbandry

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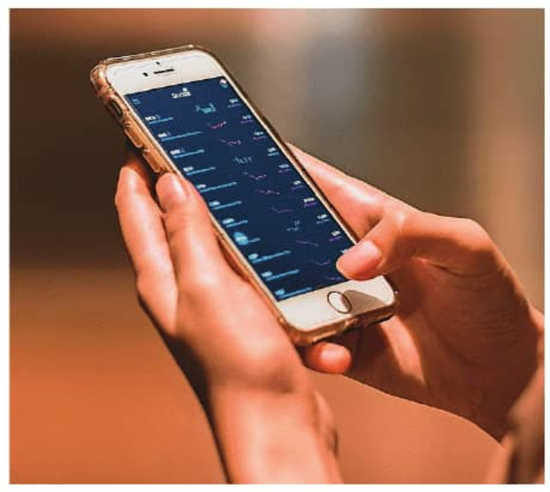
"The 5-in-1 vaccine may not provide the same level of protection as the 7-in-1 vaccine, potentially leaving street dogs vulnerable to diseases. This raises significant concerns about BBMP's decision to procure a large quantity of 1,84,671 doses, worth around Rs 4.50 crore

—Sujaya Jagadish, animal activist

Stock market dreams turn into nightmares

Highly organised fraudsters lure victims to social media platforms, WhatsApp groups, fake investment portals to dupe them of huge sums; several cases in Whitefield



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Once notorious for recording the highest number of cybercrime cases in the city, Whitefield is now witnessing a new wave of financial fraud stock market scams. Since August 15, police have registered more than four cases in which unsuspecting investors lost several lakhs of rupees.

According to police officials, the scams are orchestrated by highly organised fraudsters, who lure victims through social media platforms, WhatsApp groups, and fake investment portals. Victims are often promised quick profits in equity and stock market trading. After an initial investment yields minor returns to gain trust, the scammers manipulate victims into investing larger sums. Once the deposits run into lakhs of rupees, the fraudsters disappear, leaving investors in shock.

In one such case, investors lost ₹5.1 lakh in a trap set on WhatsApp groups "UTI AMC" and "IND MONEY" that pushed fake apps UTI AMC and LNDFO. Initial small gains built trust, leading to larger transfers totaling ₹6.32 lakh.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Artistic ancestry

Through 'Avatarana', in her signature style, acclaimed storyteller/dancer Ramaa Bharadvaj brings together mystic insights, allegorical observations, and practical wisdom with humour to reanimate an ancient tale about Indian culture's artistic ancestry.
Where: Kappanna Angala, JP Nagar;
When: September 14, 6.30 pm

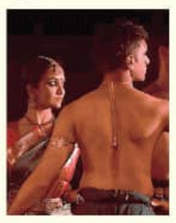
02 Festive spirit

The 63rd edition of Bengaluru Ganesh Utsava brings daily devotional music, dance and performances by many renowned artists. Special highlights include the women's Ganesha Pancharatna recital and the thematic dance productions. The festivities will conclude with Ganapati Visarjan.
Where: APS & National College Grounds, Basavanagudi;
When: August 28 to September 6, 7 pm

03 Canvas craft

Mythic Matrices, a landmark solo exhibition by acclaimed contemporary artist Seema Kohli, presented by the National Gallery of Modern Art, offers a focused retrospective of 20 pivotal years from Kohli's expansive practice.
Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Vasanth Nagar;
When: August 26 to September 26

04 Epic echoes



Punyah Dance Company explores timeless ideas through contemporary reflections in 'Maya', a retelling of Mahabharata.
Where: Dhwani Auditorium, CMRIT Campus;
When: September 27, 6.30 pm

05 Celestial art

Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) is organising 'In Celestial Company', an exhibition featuring sculptures, textiles, brass figurines, paintings, chariots, and wooden artefacts where the oft-ignored celestial beings who accompany and carry the pantheon are the centrepiece.
Where: Museum of Art & Photography, Ashok Nagar;
When: Opening September 13

Saving water, one tap at a time

School in Malleshwaram gets aerators installed on taps as part of initiative to save water, regulated water flow is expected to cut water wastage significantly

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Believed to be a cost-effective alternative, aerators can be used to regulate water flow from taps

In a step towards sustainable water management, the city saw its first successful implementation of tap aerators in a school under the #MissionSchools10MLD initiative. The project, aimed at saving 10 million litres of water per day across the city's schools, began with the installation of aerators across almost all taps at handwashing stations on campus.

At a school in Malleshwaram, 79 of the 83 taps have been fitted with aerators, achieving 96 per cent implementation. The aerators reduce the flow to an optimal 3–4 litres per minute, sufficient for handwashing while cutting wastage significantly. With nearly 1,000 students and staff using these facilities daily, the school is now saving an estimated 10,000 litres of water each day amounting to about three lakh litres a month.

Madhavan Rao, water conservationist who started the 10MLD campaign, said that an aerator, which is no bigger than a thumbnail, has the potential to save millions of litres of water every day when adopted at scale. He opined that schools are the perfect place to start building a generation of water-conscious citizens. "This water saved would be a huge boon for areas where there is acute water scarcity. The opportunity is to reach a savings rate of 10 million litres per day," said Rao. He highlighted that the initiative, in collaboration with academia, aims to spread awareness among the student community and make future citizen

Water conservationist says initiative aims to spread awareness among student community and make future citizen leaders sensitive to environment

leaders sensitive to the environment. "This involves partnering with schools, giving demonstrations to students and facilitating implementation by students themselves as a science project. Students get a first hand feel of water flow rates before and after fixing the aerators to the school taps in their premises," said Rao. He said that this provides students a chance to learn about sustainability through simple, direct experiential engagement, adding that education is the only viable way to ultimately reach sustainability goals.

Rao said that the current shortfall of fresh water for the city is around 500 MLD (million litres per day). He said that installation of aerators in schools/colleges where several lakh students use taps daily will result in savings exceeding 10 MLD, with this being the lowest costing option compared to other alternatives involving huge infrastructure costs. "After schools, we plan to add convention centres, marriage halls etc to totally result in savings of 100 MLD. This would cover 1/5th of the total shortage at a fraction of the cost of other options. It is quick and can yield results immediately after fitting the aerator to tap," he said.

Speaking of his own experience of installing tap aerators in his house, Rao said, "Seven to eight years back me and my wife Parimala happened to fit aerators in our home (being an engineer) and I measured the savings achieved. It came to 100 litres a day." He said that at the time there was increased awareness about impending water scarcity threatening Indian cities. This urgency, he said, led to the launch of the 'A Billion Taps' initiative. "We motivated apartments, offices, corporates, homes and reached a savings rate of 1.2 million litres per day (MLD) over the past few years. Easier said than done, however we were on a mission and the incredible journey has been self-satisfying for both of us," he said, adding that this brought the inspiration to add education as part of the initiative, with the focus being on implementation in schools.

He noted that technical challenges were encountered during the installation as several taps in the school were incompatible with aerator fittings. Replacing these with new, compatible taps involved additional costs, which schools and users were unwilling to bear. "We developed a low cost adaptor that fitted over these plain spout steel taps and plastic taps. The adaptors had provision for inbuilt-aerator and this solved the problem," he said.

Naadageethe made mandatory at RGUHS colleges

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) has directed all its affiliated medical colleges to mandatorily sing or play the recorded version of the state anthem Naadageethe at every official event, alongside the national anthem. The university noted that many colleges play only the national anthem, neglecting the state anthem, which it termed an insult. Colleges have been warned of disciplinary action if the directive is ignored, as respecting Nadageethe is part of state protocol. RGUHS clarified that with students from across India studying in Karnataka, it is important to familiarise them with the state's culture. The anthem can be played using available online versions. **–BMB**

Confusion over property registration fee hike

The Revenue Department, already facing criticism for doubling property document registration fees from 1 per cent to 2 per cent effective August 31, has triggered fresh chaos by sending SMS alerts asking even those who registered properties in 2024 to pay the revised fee. The revised charges are meant only for registrations made after August 31, but due to an error, messages were mistakenly sent to earlier registrants, causing panic among property owners. Officials have clarified that only new registrations and appointments booked after the hike require payment of the revised fee. However, the erroneous SMS sent to property owners who completed registrations months ago, some as early as April 2024, has led to widespread confusion, with many questioning the Revenue Department's lapse. **–BMB**

Railways drops plan for dedicated train to KIA

The Indian Railways has scrapped its earlier proposal to introduce a dedicated rail link to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru. Officials said the decision was taken after consultations with airport stakeholders, as both metro and suburban rail networks are already being extended to the airport, making a separate line unnecessary.

Earlier announced in February by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to ease city congestion, the project is now shelved. Currently, the nearest station is KIA Halt, located 3.5 km from the terminal, with Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) operating free shuttle services in sync with train schedules. However, limited services on the Yelahanka–Devanahalli corridor and low passenger traffic reduced the plan's feasibility. Authorities confirmed that with the suburban rail project (KSR Bengaluru to Yelahanka–Devanahalli) progressing and the Namma Metro's Blue Line also connecting the airport, commuters will soon have multiple efficient transit options. **–BMB**

Man sets partner ablaze

A 52-year-old cab driver allegedly set his live-in partner on fire near Anekal under Hulimavu police limits, suspecting her of infidelity. The accused, Vittala, had been living with 26-year-old Vanajakshi for over three years. Police said their relationship turned bitter after Vanajakshi befriended another man from the village, leading to frequent arguments.

On Saturday, Vittala spotted her travelling in a car with the friend near Hommadevanahalli. In a fit of rage, he allegedly followed the vehicle carrying petrol. When the car stopped, he confronted her, poured petrol, and set her ablaze using a lighter.

Vanajakshi suffered severe burns and was rushed to a private hospital, where she succumbed. Hulimavu police arrested Vittala and registered a case. Investigation is underway. —BMB

Man killed in nasty row over money matters

A quarrel over money between two friends turned fatal in Raghavendra Layout under Begur police limits. The victim, Devendra Singh, a 35-year-old painter from Uttar Pradesh working in Bengaluru for three years, was allegedly attacked by his friend Mewa, also from Uttar Pradesh.

According to police, Mewa had arrived in the city just three days before the incident. The two were sharing a rented house when an argument broke out around 3 am on August 30 over financial issues. In a fit of rage, Mewa struck Singh on the head with a stick, causing severe injuries.

Singh was rushed to NIMHANS Hospital but succumbed despite treatment. Begur police arrested Mewa and produced him before the court. Investigation is ongoing. —BMB

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Brave new curriculum for inclusive education

Activists laud PIL that urges NCERT, 6 states including K'taka, to integrate gender-sensitive sexuality education, addressing systemic omissions and ensuring inclusivity

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The Supreme Court on Monday sought responses from the Centre, NCERT and six states including Karnataka on a PIL seeking incorporation of transgender-inclusive comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in school curricula.

A bench comprising Chief Justice BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran issued notices to the respondents and directed them to submit their replies within eight weeks. The court noted submissions made by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who represented the petitioner.

The petition was filed by Class 12 student Kaavya Mukherjee, who argued that despite the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, and earlier Supreme Court directives, most school curricula — including those in Karnataka — fail to include structured lessons on gender identity, gender diversity, and the distinction between sex and gender. While Kerala has made some progress in integrating inclusivity into its textbooks, Karnataka has not taken similar steps. Activists say this silence deprives students of scientifically accurate and age-appropriate information.

Petitioner flags constitutional violations

In her plea, Mukherjee reviewed textbooks from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, and found a "systemic omission" of transgender-inclusive content.

"This exclusion violates Articles 14, 15, 19(1)(a), 21, and 21A, and disregards Directive Principles under Articles 39(e)-(f), 46, and 51(e), thereby perpetuating institutional erasure and reinforcing stigma," the petition states.

The plea also highlighted that India's transgender literacy rate stands at only 57.06%, far below the national average of 74%. The petitioner described this as a result of social exclusion and policy neglect. Since Karnataka substantially follows NCERT frameworks, the absence of inclusive education affects lakhs across the state.

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> — Manohar Elavarthi, activist

'Overhaul curriculum'

Activist Manohar Elavarthi said the roots of the problem lie in the curriculum itself. "It's not just about including transgender issues. To build a healthy society, children need a comprehensive understanding of gender and sexuality, which is completely missing right now. What is taught is sketchy. When a girl attains puberty, she often doesn't know what is happening because no one explains the process or the changes," he said.

This gap, he added, extends to broader issues like sexual orientation, gender identity, sexual health, and even the ability to protect oneself from abuse. Myths around sexuality persist because students lack access to accurate information.

Citing reports, Elavarthi pointed out that most sexual harassment against girls happens within the family, a fact ignored in the syllabus. "We need a complete revision of the curriculum, making it inclusive not just for transgender children but for all children who must learn about their bodies, changes, and rights," he said.

Representation and safe spaces

The activist stressed that representation in textbooks is vital. He also called for stronger support systems, including counselling and grievance redressal mechanisms in schools and colleges. "Affirmative spaces, such as dedicated support groups for gender and sexual minorities in universities, are crucial. Students often find groups based on religion or community, but gender non-conforming students may feel isolated. Dedicated spaces, along with trained counsellors to guide students through body and hormonal changes, can make them feel safe and understood," he said.

BMTC bus runs over 80-year-old

An 80-year-old priest, Shankar Narayana, lost his life after being hit by a BMTC electric bus near MVJ College, Mahadevapura, on Monday morning. The incident occurred around 8.15 pm on Sunday night, while Narayana was crossing the road to return home. The bus, traveling towards Chansandra from the Tunga factory, struck him, causing severe injuries. Passersby rushed him to a nearby hospital, but he succumbed on Monday morning.

This is the sixth fatal accident involving BMTC buses in two weeks, raising concerns over pedestrian safety and driver alertness. The driver, Ganaraju, underwent a drunk-driving test, and results are awaited. Police are reviewing CCTV footage, and a case has been registered at Mahadevapura Traffic Police Station for further investigation. —BMB

Producer booked for caste assault

An FIR has been registered at the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE) station against Krishna Chaitanya, producer of the movie Diya, for allegedly assaulting and verbally abusing a woman. This is the first caste-based violence case filed in Bengaluru after the state recognized DCRE stations.

Based on a complaint by Sashikala (38), a resident of Netaji Nagar, police booked Krishna Chaitanya, Satyanarayana Reddy, and others under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, along with charges of trespassing, assault, and outraging a woman's modesty.

Victim alleged that on August 10, around 3.30pm, the accused arrived in a car and broke the gate lock, trespassed onto a leased property in Kasavanahalli, and hurled caste slurs.

She claimed Bellandur police ignored her complaint initially, prompting her to approach DCRE. Investigation is underway, and legal action will follow. —BMB

WhatsApp scam drains ₹66,000

A 32-year-old Seshadripuram resident lost ₹66,000 after downloading a malicious APK file from a WhatsApp message posing as his employer. The message claimed he had a ₹1,000 traffic fine and asked for payment. After entering his details and making a ₹1 confirmation payment, the victim's savings account was drained. Central Division Cyber Crime Police registered a case under cheating and the IT Act and are tracing the culprits through transaction records.

Police warned citizens against downloading APK files or clicking unknown links, as these can install malware to steal sensitive data and enable unauthorized transactions. Officials clarified that traffic fines are never communicated through personal messages and urged using official government portals for such payments. —BMB

Yelahanka flyover deadline extended to May 2026

Rain, lack of detour routes and poor planning stall progress on key corridor

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has once again extended the completion deadline for the under-construction flyover at Yelahanka junction. The long-drawn project, which was earlier supposed to be completed by December 2025 is now expected to open to traffic only by May 2026.

According to senior officials from the BBMP Road Infrastructure Department, the delay is due to a surge in vehicular traffic on Doddaballapur Main Road, leading to fewer working hours.

"We do not have alternative roads to divert traffic from Doddaballapur Main Road during the day, leading to a delay in the completion of the flyover. Work takes place from 10 pm to 6 am daily. However, even this timing was disrupted due to unusual rainfall in August, causing high moisture content on the ramps towards Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road. While we are pushing the project to be completed by March 2026, we are certain to wrap it up by May," said a senior official from the department.

BBMP said that, to expedite the work, the civic agency also approached Bengaluru Traffic Police with an alternative route plan to divert traffic. However, BTP declined the request as the road in question is a state highway.

Work in the past has been delayed due to reasons such as a shortage of manpower or construction materials, untimely rain, and high traffic.

The much-awaited flyover project was launched in January 2022. The detailed project report of the flyover suggested that it would be completed in 18 months, and the civic body had then announced that it was looking at wrapping it up by December 2022. However, it has missed multiple deadlines since then. The flyover was first expected to be inaugurated by June 2022, which was later moved to December 2023, followed by a series of extended deadlines of December 2024, March 2025, and December 2025.

Incomplete flyover adds to daily congestion

Commuters at their wits' end

Regular commuters on the stretch say that though the project was promised as a quick solution to fix traffic pile-up at the Yelahanka police station junction, it has turned into a nightmare with a waiting time of 20 to 30 minutes. The slow pace of construction, despite many BBMP commissioners should be assuring early completion, shows the apathy of the government towards citizens' problems.

"The Yelahanka flyover is a classic case of the cure being worse than the disease itself. Waiting time at Yelahanka junction has increased manifold. To avoid this junction, we need to take a detour around Allalasandra Lake, increasing fuel consumption. Considering the breakneck pace at which the Hebbal loop flyover was constructed in just seven months, it seems even a flyover needs to be located in a high-profile area to get attention from policymakers," said P Vidyasagar, a resident of Arya Ramki North on Doddaballapur Main Road.

Nagaraj Krishamurthy, a resident, voices frustration over delayed corridor

P Vidyasagar, a resident of Arya Ramki North on Doddaballapur Main Road, shares his concern

V Selvarajan, a resident, highlighted road safety risks posed by the unfinished flyover

Locals say that office-goers heading towards the city and workers commuting to the Doddaballapur industrial area are forced to squeeze through a narrow stretch that has now been reduced to a single lane because of ongoing construction. The situation has left citizens with no choice but to suffer daily in this chaos, as projects lack both deadlines and accountability.

"Proper urban planning should happen before a city is built—not after it has already grown haphazardly. Even the proposed widening of the Hebbal flyover will only shift the congestion slightly ahead, up to Baptist Hospital, rather than solving the problem. How can such unscientific interventions ease traffic, support workforce productivity, or contribute meaningfully to economic growth?" questioned Nagaraj Krishamurthy, a resident of Heritage Estate on Doddaballapur Main Road.

The project, moving slower than a snail's pace, has led to wastage of taxpayers' money due to cost escalation from delayed construction. Commuters say they are frustrated to see the half-constructed pillars even after three years.

"In the last three years, the traffic in the area has grown manifold. Doddaballapur Industrial Area has become active, and soon it will become an IT hub. Mini Vidhan Sabha is crowded with a large number of commuters. We have also noticed that the Rail Wheel Factory is using the footpath for storing heavy equipment, rendering it useless for the public. Moreover, buses are parked under the half-constructed pillars, narrowing the road further," said V Selvarajan, a resident of Yelahanka.

Citizens say the flyover, in all probability, will prove to be an ineffective solution to deal with Bengaluru's ever-burgeoning traffic.

Once completed, the flyover will link four traffic junctions: Yelahanka police station, Seshadripuram First Grade College Junction, NES Circle, and Sandeep Unnikrishnan Circle. Moreover, the 1.8 km stretch will provide its users signal-free passage too.

Another sinkhole hits D Bhaskaran Road

Half-built fixes collapse, leaving residents wary

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The sinkhole on D Bhaskaran Road near Halasuru Lake is a classic example of negligence and apathy by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engineers. Bhaskaran Road hit the headlines in December 2023 when a portion of the road collapsed. The BBMP spent crores of rupees on white-topping the road.

Now, a sinkhole has formed near the same location where a portion of the road collapsed in December 2023. Residents, motorists, and pedestrians have expressed shock and dismay over the poor quality of the white-topping work done despite the huge amount of taxpayers' money spent.

They complain that the size of the sinkhole is likely to expand in a few days, posing danger to motorists, especially those who commute on this road at night. "It will be dangerous for motorists if the BBMP authorities fail to fill it immediately. I have already complained to the BBMP engineers but they did nothing to fix this problem," said BR Chandran, a social activist from Halasuru.

He said the vehicular traffic may be affected due to the sinkhole at this location. "It is one of the busy roads. Thousands of vehicles commute on this road. I want the authorities concerned to attend to this problem immediately," he said.

A view of the sinkhole on Bhaskaran Road, months after the road was repaired

Demanding the BBMP engineers to attend to the problem without any delay, Brahmananda Reddy, a resident of Gupta Layout, said the sink hole would pose a danger to motorists, especially two-wheeler riders. "I appeal to the BBMP engineers to fill the sinkhole and also find out the reason for the formation of sinkholes on this road. I am of the opinion that hollow space under the road is the root cause of sinkholes," he said.

A resident of Gupta Layout on the condition of anonymity said the substandard quality of the white-topping work is the reason for the poor condition of the road. "One can see cracks on the surface of the white-topping around the sinkhole. The lifespan of a white-topping road is 15-20 years or more. I do not know why cracks have developed on this road?" said the resident.

Meanwhile, the BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer said,"I am not aware of the sinkhole on D Bhaskaran Road. Please send me photos of the road, and I will inform the maintenance team."

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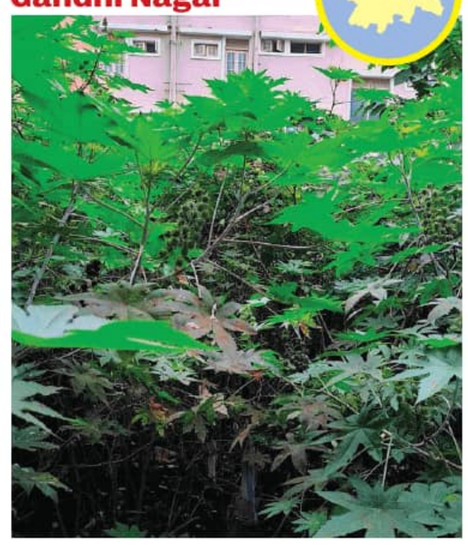

A vacant land in the bustling Gandhi Nagar, located behind the Gubbi Veeranna Rangamandira and next to Hotel Plaza, has turned into a breeding ground for dengue mosquitoes, reptiles, and other harmful creatures.

Prompt cleanup
Sultanpalya

NOW
BEFORE
Trash trouble
Sultanpalya
Trash is being carelessly dumped on the road at 3rd Cross, opposite Sania Retreat Apartments in Sultanpalya (Ward 32), worsening local sanitation.

Following a complaint reported in these columns, the BBMP East Zone promptly cleared the debris in Ward 32.

Tree menace
Hesaraghatta Main Road

A massive tree branch that fell during heavy rains remains uncleared on 10th B Main, Hesaraghatta Main Road, AGB Layout. The unattended debris has become a shelter for venomous snakes, posing a serious threat to local residents.

Speaker's order ignored: Secretariat faces staffing crisis

Despite repeated directives from Speaker and Finance Department approval, crucial Secretary-2 post remains unfilled, leaving Assembly Secretary overburdened with unmanageable responsibilities

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If the delay in honouring the Honourable Speaker's directive is any indication, it suggests that all is not well within the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Secretariat, which is otherwise expected to serve as a role model for other departments in ensuring punctuality and discipline in implementing government orders. The issue at hand is not the creation of a personal assistant post for either the Speaker or any Minister, but rather establishing the post of Secretary-2 to ease the excessive workload on the Assembly Secretary.

It may be recalled that the Assembly Speaker had sent a note to the Additional Chief Secretary of the Finance Department on April 29, 2024, emphasising the urgent need to create a new post of Secretary-2 in the interest of smooth and efficient functioning of the State Legislative Assembly Secretariat. The Speaker pointed out that, after assuming charge, it came to his notice that the overall administration of the Legislature required streamlining to ensure effective functioning of the Secretariat. The Secretary, Legislative Assembly Secretariat, currently shoulders onerous responsibilities, managing not only the day-to-day administration but also the demanding session work. Even during non-session periods, the Secretary must supervise and coordinate the functioning of more than 16 standing committees, besides ad hoc committees, select committees, and joint select committees. Additionally, the Secretary oversees critical areas such as the Legislators' Home Affairs, accounts, library, research and reference, translation, executive work, question branch, legislation, and information technology, among several others. To discharge these wide-ranging duties efficiently requires greater administrative support, which, the Speaker noted, is practically impossible under the existing structure without the creation of Secretary-2.

The Speaker, in his note, observed that in the interest of smooth and efficient functioning of the Legislative Assembly Secretariat, the post of Secretary-2, which was earlier in vogue, had to be recreated to ensure high standards and speedy disposal of day-to-day work. "In this context, I propose the creation of the post of Secretary-2, to be filled by the Honourable Speaker from among officers who have already reached the pay scale of 1,04,600– 1,50,600. Work allocation to the said post shall also be determined by the Honourable Speaker. Therefore, I strongly feel there is an absolute necessity to create this post, and I request you to kindly accord concurrence for its creation," the note stated.

Workload concerns continue to mount at the Legislative Assembly Secretariat, with the crucial Secretary-2 post still left vacant

> **"I retired as Secretary-2. The post was abolished in 2011... I want the government to introduce Indian Legislature Service on par with KAS and IAS**
>
> –TN Dhruvakumar, retired Secretary-2

Meanwhile, the Additional Chief Secretary of the Finance Department wrote a letter to the Secretary of State Assembly Secretariat on June 29, 2024 informing that the Finance Department approved the creation of Secretary 2 post.

According to reliable sources, several officers in the State Legislative Secretariat recommended that Secretary Vishalakshi propose the name of Senior Joint Secretary JE Shashidhar for the post of Secretary-2, as he had already reached the pay scale of 1,04,600– 1,50,600. However, the creation of the Secretary-2 post still remains only on paper. Nothing has been done to ease Secretary Vishalakshi's workload by appointing a suitable candidate, even after a year since the Finance Department's approval and 16 months after the Honourable Speaker submitted the proposal.

Emphasising the need of creating the Secretary 2 post, TN Dhruvakumar, Secretary 2 (retired) said the work load on existing Secretary is too much and difficult to handle. "I retired as Secretary 2. The post was abolished in 2011. The Speaker sent a proposal to recreate the post of Secretary 2 more than a year ago. I do not know why the Speaker or State Legislative Secretary is silent on this issue. I want the government to introduce Indian Legislature Service on par with KAS and IAS to have efficient candidates to work at the State Legislative Secretariat", said Dhruvakumar.

Meanwhile, MK Vishalakshi, Secretary, State Assembly Secretariat said that some people have been trying to create an impression that she was not capable of doing her job. "I have been working as Secretary of Karnataka Legislative Assembly. I never complained to anyone or expressed my inability to discharge my duties due to the excess workload. I, regarding the creation of the Secretary 2 post, did what I am supposed to do", he said.

However, honourable Speaker UT Khader was unavailable for comment.

HC refuses PIL on Chikkajala metro station

IN HIGH COURT

The Karnataka High Court declined to entertain a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking the construction of a metro station at Chikkajala on the under-construction Blue Line of Namma Metro. The division bench, comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Joshi, stated that decisions regarding the location of metro stations fall solely within the purview of the concerned authorities and are not open to judicial review. The petition, filed by CR Naveen Kumar and six other residents, challenged the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited's (BMRCL) decision to drop the proposed station from Phase 2B of the Blue Line connecting KR Puram to Kempegowda International Airport. The petitioners sought reinstatement of the Chikkajala station as per the original plan and a halt on further construction until inclusion of the station.

While refusing to admit the PIL, the court directed BMRCL to consider and respond to a 2022 representation from the residents. The bench reiterated that metro planning remains within authorities' exclusive domain. **–BMB**

'Convicts given 21 yrs can get remission'

The Karnataka High Court clarified that there is no bar under Rule 164(v) of the State Prisons and Correctional Services Manual, 2021, against granting remission to convicts sentenced to 21 years' imprisonment, unless the sentencing order explicitly forbids remission, parole, or premature release. Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued this ruling while allowing a petition by three convicts whose death sentences were altered to 21-year terms on appeal. Their applications for remission had been rejected by prison officials, citing that remission was not a right under Rule 164(v).

The High Court rejected this stance, stating that while remission is discretionary, it remains an essential reformative tool. The judge emphasised that mere silence or absence of an explicit directive in the sentencing order cannot prevent remission. The State claimed a 21-year term is akin to life imprisonment and thus excludes remission, but the court disagreed. Directing authorities to reconsider, the court ordered proper assessment and, if merited, extension of remission to qualifying applicants. **–BMB**

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BBMP, BWSSB face heat for sewage flow in stormwater drain

KSPCB calls both agencies for a personal hearing after repeated failures to stop sewage contamination threatening health and environment in Kodichikkanahalli

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Residents report unbearable stench and rising snake, insect infestations as untreated sewage contaminates water bodies near Vakil Marina society, causing severe health risks

After BBMP and BWSSB have failed to control sewage entry into a stormwater drain in Kodichikkanahalli, near Madiwala Lake, despite multiple directions issued by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), the Board has now called for a personal hearing of both agencies.

A couple of months ago, the KSPCB issued directions to the BBMP Commissioner and the BWSSB Chairman under Section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. The directions were issued following several complaints from residents about untreated sewage flowing into the stormwater drain (SWD) connected to the Vakil Marina housing society.

In its response, BBMP stated that it had removed accumulated silt from the SWD but pointed out that preventing sewage entry was the responsibility of BWSSB. However, BWSSB's reply was found "unsatisfactory," according to the KSPCB, prompting further action.

"KSPCB has decided to call for a personal hearing of both BBMP and BWSSB to resolve the issue," the Board said in its report submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The report was filed in response to a suo motu case registered by the green court in October last year.

> **"KSPCB has decided to call for a personal hearing of both BBMP and BWSSB to resolve the issue of sewage entry into a stormwater drain**
> –KSPCB

Residents had raised concerns about unbearable stench and an increase in snakes, insects, and termites due to untreated sewage entering the SWD. They also alleged that the sewage had contaminated local water bodies, creating unhygienic conditions and posing serious health and environmental risks for nearby communities.

Taking note of these complaints, the NGT directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to inspect the site. The CPCB inspection, conducted in November last year, confirmed the issue and instructed KSPCB to issue directions under Section 33A to both civic agencies without any further delay.

The KSPCB then directed BBMP and BWSSB in May to take immediate steps to prevent sewage inflow. While BBMP acted on desilting work, BWSSB failed to stop sewage from entering the SWD, the Board said in its filing.

"KSPCB also inspected the site on July 25, 2025. It is noticed that the BWSSB has not complied with the directions. KSPCB will initiate further steps and hold a personal hearing with both agencies to address the situation," the report stated.

The KSPCB is expected to push for a strict, time-bound action plan during the hearing, as frustrated residents continue to demand a permanent solution to sewage contamination in their locality.

Why is forest dept not coming clear on jumbo deaths?

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A wildlife conservationist has raised concerns over the Karnataka Forest Department's failure to make post-mortem reports of elephant deaths public, despite clear directives. In a letter to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), conservationist Giridhar Kulkarni said that the non-disclosure of reports undermines judicial and departmental directions and creates "an impression of avoidable opacity."

Kulkarni emphasised that timely disclosure promotes transparency, accountability, and public trust in conservation efforts while curbing misinformation and strengthening civil society support.

In January 2022, the PCCF (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden directed the ICT Wing to create a dedicated section on the Forest Department's website for uploading these reports, following Karnataka High Court orders and Kulkarni's earlier representation. However, the directive has not been implemented consistently.

In 2025 alone, Karnataka has recorded over 20 elephant deaths, including four due to unnatural causes, yet not a single post-mortem report has been uploaded this year. Of 109 elephant deaths reported in 2024, only 36 reports are publicly available. In 2023, 98 elephants died, but 22 reports remain missing, while 11 from 2022 are still unpublished.

Kulkarni urged the Department to upload all pending reports immediately and establish a mechanism for regular compliance checks, such as fortnightly or monthly reviews. He also called for strict adherence to the Karnataka High Court's directions and departmental circulars to ensure transparency and accountability in elephant conservation.

Arogya city transforms B'luru, reaches 2.1 million in two years

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Arogya City, launched in 2022 with Bengaluru as the pilot city, had set out to reach 5 lakh individuals, but went on to impact 2.1 million people in just two years, addressing major health challenges such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer through health education and lifestyle changes.

The programme, conceived by Arogya World—a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to preventing non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in India—focused on creating awareness and encouraging sustainable health practices. Bengaluru is India's first Arogya City and is now being viewed as a model for similar initiatives in other urban centres.

Of the 2.1 million people reached between 2022 and 2024, more than one million were engaged through awareness programmes, while 1.1 million benefited from screenings, lifestyle interventions, technology-driven tools, and community engagement. About 22 pledge makers collectively reached one million individuals in two years, while the rest were covered through educational material distribution and awareness efforts.

The initiative achieved significant milestones: educating 5 lakh people on diabetes prevention, sensitising 25,000 on mental health and stigma, training 500 street vendors on safe cooking practices, engaging 40,000 youth through school programmes, and reaching 2,582 employees via workplace wellness drives. Over 30,000 individuals were encouraged to adopt physical activity, 2.5 lakh were screened for diabetes and hypertension, and more than 20,000 were screened for oral, breast, and cervical cancers.

Special attention was given to vulnerable groups, with 27,636 senior citizens educated on healthy ageing, 20,000 low-income residents reached through health camps, and over 200 LGBTQ+ members sensitised on mental health, ensuring inclusivity and equitable access to information.

Over 22 pledge makers collectively impacted one million people through health awareness, screenings, and lifestyle programs across Bengaluru communities

Technology played a major role in amplifying outreach, with 5.17 lakh people engaged through WhatsApp-based messaging and electronic medical records, and more than 50,000 reached via AI-powered personalised campaigns, demonstrating how digital health tools can accelerate impact.

Dr Nalini Saligram, Founder & CEO of Arogya World, said, "Screening aids in early detection and enables further referral and treatment, and this proved to be very popular. Creating awareness that NCDs are very serious diseases, and that they are largely preventable through lifestyle changes, is an important first step in mobilising people towards prevention. Actual lifestyle interventions, such as those implemented in Arogya City—including initiatives that encouraged physical activity and promoted healthy eating—reached deep into communities."

> **"We decided to ignite a sense of responsibility among Bangalore's stakeholders to address the horrendous trend of non-communicable diseases and mental health**
> –Dr. Nalini Saligram Founder & CEO of Arogya World

She added, "We also made sure to encourage our pledge makers to refer newly diagnosed patients with diabetes or hypertension to primary health centres for follow-up and treatment."

Highlighting the urgency of such initiatives, Dr Saligram noted, "The world's population is growing at an alarming rate. By 2050, two out of every three people are likely to be living in cities. We decided to ignite action and a sense of responsibility among Bengaluru's many forward-thinking stakeholders to tackle the rising trend of NCDs and mental health issues."

As part of its community-based approach, nine training sessions were conducted to educate street food vendors on safe and healthy cooking practices. A total of 500 vendors were trained across seven locations in Bengaluru, including Cottonpet, Hegganahalli, Majestic, Neelasandra, and Shivaji Nagar.

By training vendors on hygiene and nutrition, the programme improves livelihoods, boosts food safety, and ensuress healthier life.

Time for Sept reset

7 changes in finance, banking & travel

As September begins, several key changes have come into effect across banking, taxation, jewellery, postal services, and even LPG pricing. From credit card reward policies to hallmarking rules for silver, here's a quick look at what citizens need to know this month.

Credit Card rewards revamped

State Bank of India has revised its reward points system. From September 1, SBI cardholders will no longer earn points on government-related payments and wallet recharges. The changes particularly apply to SBI Card SELECT, Lifestyle, and Home Centre variants.

New FD schemes and interest rates

Banks have introduced limited-period special Fixed Deposit schemes with attractive rates. For example, Indian Bank is offering up to 7.45% interest for tenures like 444 days and 555 days, with these schemes open only until September 20.

Deadlines to remember

Taxpayers must complete pending income tax return filings by September 15. Free Aadhaar updates are available online only until September 14, after which fees will apply. Meanwhile, September 30 is the last date for central government employees to opt for the Unified Pension Scheme.

Registered post phased out

India Post has officially discontinued registered post services from September 1, merging them with speed post. Unlike registered post, which ensured delivery to the addressee only, speed post allows delivery to family members or neighbours if the addressee is unavailable. This change means higher costs for customers and implications for legal and government correspondence.

Hallmarking now mandatory for silver

From today, hallmark certification is compulsory for silver jewellery, just like gold. The move is aimed at ensuring purity and consumer protection, allowing buyers to verify quality before purchase.

Possible LPG price revision

As every month, LPG prices are subject to change from the 1st. September may bring fluctuations in household and commercial cylinder rates. While commercial cylinder prices dropped last month, domestic cylinder prices remained unchanged.

Toll hike

Motorists on National Highway-75 between Nelamangala and Hassan face another price hike as toll rates go up from midnight tonight, September 1. Nelamangala Devihalli Express Pvt. Ltd., which manages the stretch, has announced an increase of ₹5 at its plazas.
The revised rates will apply at major toll booths, including Doddakarenahalli and Karabailu.
This comes a year after the 2023 hike, when car users saw a rise of ₹10–20 for a one-way trip. —BMB

Auto correct

10 lakh+: Passenger vehicles sold in India in the April–June period, according to latest data from industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).

With **3.21** lakh units: Western zone tops sales in India

1.19 lakh units: Sold in Maharashtra in the June quarter.

Up next: Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Haryana

Two-wheeler segment

46.75 lakh units were sold in the country during this period

14.19 lakh units in western states

Uttar Pradesh led in two-wheeler sales, totalling **8.18** lakh units, followed by Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, and Madhya Pradesh.

Three-wheeler

1.65 lakh units sold during this period, with Uttar Pradesh leading sales with **21,000** units, followed by Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Telangana, according to SIAM.

GST change

18% tax proposed on entry-level passenger vehicles and two-wheelers to 18 per cent

Currently, all passenger vehicles powered by combustion engines are subject to a GST of **28** per cent, plus a compensation cess ranging from 1 per cent to **22** per cent, based on engine capacity, length, and body type.

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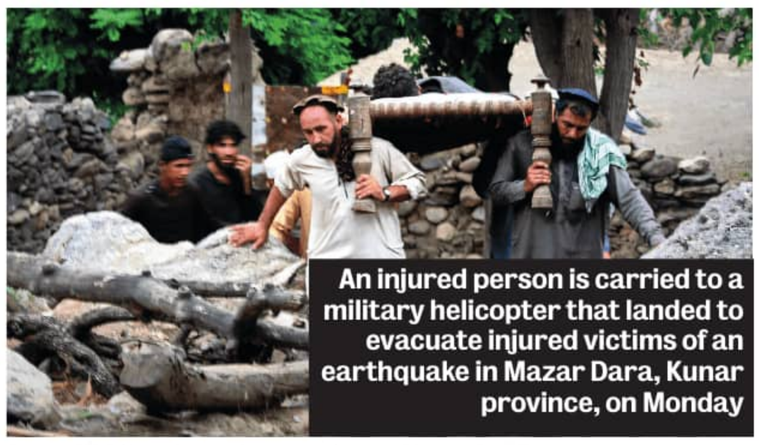
AROUNDTHEWORLD

800 killed in Afghan quake



An injured person is carried to a military helicopter that landed to evacuate injured victims of an earthquake in Mazar Dara, Kunar province, on Monday

One of Afghanistan's worst earthquakes killed more than 800 people and injured at least 2,800, authorities said on Monday, as rescuers struggled to reach remote areas due to rough mountainous terrain and inclement weather.
The disaster will further stretch the resources of the war-torn nation's Taliban administration, already grappling with crises ranging from a sharp drop in foreign aid to deportations of hundreds of thousands of Afghans by neighbouring countries.
Sharafat Zaman, spokesperson for the health ministry in Kabul, called for international aid to tackle the devastation wrought by the quake of magnitude 6 that struck around midnight local time, at a depth of 10 km (6 miles).
"We need it because here lots of people lost their lives and houses," he told Reuters.
The quake killed 812 people in the eastern provinces of Kunar and Nangarhar, administration spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said. **Reuters**

Xi pushes a new global order

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday pressed his vision for a new global security and economic order that prioritises the "Global South", in a direct challenge to the United States, during a summit that included the leaders of Russia and India.
"We must continue to take a clear stand against hegemonism and power politics, and practise true multilateralism," Xi said, in a thinly veiled swipe at the US and President Donald Trump's tariff policies.
"Global governance has reached a new crossroads," he added.
Xi was hosting more than 20 leaders of non-Western countries at a summit in the Chinese port city of Tianjin for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, a China-backed initiative given renewed impetus by the presence of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In an image designed to convey a mood of solidarity, Putin and Modi were shown holding hands as they walked jovially towards Xi before the summit opened. The three men stood shoulder-to-shoulder, laughing and surrounded by interpreters. "It's hard to tell if the scene was choreographed or improvised, but it doesn't matter," wrote Eric Olander, editor-in-chief of The China-Global South Project, a research agency. "If the U.S. president and his acolytes thought they could use tariffs to pressure China, India, or Russia into submission, that (encounter) says otherwise." **Reuters**

SOCIALTATTLE

That went viral

A post by @dravishakatoch went viral on X which shared a 1983 edition map of Bengaluru bought from a collector. The 42-year-old map shows HSR Layout and Indiranagar didn't even exist back then, with Jayanagar appearing almost at the city's centre.

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Since August 15, more than 4 cases registered from Whitefield

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Only ₹1.22 lakh was returned. The balance ₹5.1 lakh was withheld, prompting police to register a cybercrime case.

In another case, the complainant was added to "K514 Premji Invest Stock Exchange Group," run by Kritika Thakur and Rajeev Eyunni. Persuaded to use the "PREMJIEX" app, he invested ₹25.45 lakh through multiple banks. Though ₹3.05 lakh was credited as profit,but however ₹22.3 lakh vanished.

In another case, a person joined WhatsApp group "Daniel Information Sharing Singh Sir-3", run by fraudsters and was tricked into using suspicious links. Believing promises of high returns, he transferred ₹55.5 lakh across banks. Neither returns nor refunds came. Police registered and launched an investigation.

Police officials say these scams are a growing concern, especially given the area's large population of IT professionals and educated residents. "Fraudsters target individuals who have the financial capacity and the curiosity to invest in the stock market. They use advanced methods such as fake trading dashboards/ apps, manipulated screenshots, and convincing communication strategies to trap their victims," said a senior police official.

Just in one day, on August 17, almost three such investment fraud cases have been registered. In one such case, a person lost Rs 2.36 crore in WhatsApp 'Double Money' scam since 2021.

According to the FIR filed online in August, the complainant was first contacted in 2021 by two individuals identified as Madhu and Santosh. The accused, using WhatsApp, lured the victim with promises of doubling his money if he invested through various UPI IDs, QR codes, and bank transfers.

The complainant was also directed to fake websites such as www.mandg.com, khelo24match360.com, and khelo24.com, which projected false profits to keep him investing. Over time, he transferred a total of ₹2,36,44,160, including ₹1,75,39,160 from one of his bank accounts and ₹61,05,000 from another bank account. The money was routed to multiple accounts. Despite repeated payments, the complainant never received his promised returns.

"Apart from trading frauds, scams are also spilling over into personal connections. In August, a resident lost ₹7.7 lakh after befriending a woman on Facebook

DCP Whitefield confirmed that investment scams are on the rise. A resident was duped of ₹11.4 lakh after being lured into investing via a Telegram account named @TradGrip_Account_Manager_bot. The victim was convinced by a handler identified as "Shawn" to transfer funds through his bank accounts. While he initially saw small profits, his funds were later withheld, and he was asked to make further deposits.

In another complaint, a victim lost ₹46.3 lakh after downloading a fake stock trading app shared on a WhatsApp group titled "72-IIFL Investments & Wealth." Similarly, another Bengaluru resident was conned of ₹11.6 lakh after being persuaded to invest through a fraudulent app promoted in a WhatsApp group named "NJ 801 Wealth Club."

There are other incidents which also reported a ₹27.25 lakh scam in which a complainant was tricked into performing "tasks" on a website called tradecoin.guru, believing it to be a legitimate part-time job and investment opportunity shared on Telegram.

Apart from trading frauds, scams are also spilling over into personal connections. In August, a resident lost ₹7.7 lakh after befriending a woman on Facebook. He later received calls from a man posing as an immigration officer, claiming she was detained at Delhi Airport, and was duped into transferring money for "clearances."

All cases have been booked under provisions of the IT Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Police have launched investigations to trace the culprits and urged citizens to remain cautious against investment schemes shared on social media and messaging platforms.

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I Gururaja M, S/o late N Mariyappa, Residing at # 8403 Guruchandra Nilaya, PB Layout, Doddayyanapalya, Tiptur , Tumakuru, Karnataka-572201, I have changed my name to Gururaj M for all purposes. Affidavit Dated 1/9/2025 Sworn Before Notary K.C. Shashikala Bengaluru.

I, Rangaraj Gunasekaran, R/o Flat No. 410, Block 1, Oracle Gardens Apartment, 2nd Main, Manjunathanagar, Ramamurthynagar, Bengaluru – 560016, hereby declare that my parent's names were wrongly mentioned as Gunasekaran and Kanchana, instead of their correct names Gunasekaran Thiruvengadam and Kanchana Seetharaman, as per documents. Both refer to the same persons.

I, Rajan Thapa Resident at No.743/3004, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Maranna Compound, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054 changed My Mame from Rajen Thappa to Rajan Thapa for all further purposes.

I D Srivatsan S/O, Deenadayalan R/o Myhna Meadows, Villa No 182, Sh 35, Varthur Main Road, Gunjur, Bengaluru - 560087 have changed my name to Srivatsan Deenadayalan.

I, IMTYAZ KHAN ISMAIL, R/a #1176, Fakir Ahmed Rd, New Town, Bangarpet-563114. I, have Changed my name to IMTYAZ KHAN, Vide affidavit, dated 29/08/2025 Sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore

I Babu R/at 512, Kadirenahalli cross, Bhavaninagar Banashankari 2nd stage Bengaluru-560070, have changed my minor daughter's name from B. PRATHIKSA to B PRATHIKSHA at Bengaluru.

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I, Elizabeth Manorama, W/o James Kunder, R/o #29, opp BBMP office, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bangalore 43, have changed my name to Elizabeth Manorama Kunder vide Affidavit No. IN-KA29930196576587X.

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All transparency norms followed: BBMP

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Department followed the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act norms while selecting the bidder to supply vaccines. "We cannot place bulk orders online to procure vaccines. The said supplier, claiming to supply vaccines at cheaper price, had to participate in the tender process. Our technical team has to scrutinise the supplier's credentials," said the Special Commissioner.

The deal

The BBMP Chief Commissioner entered an agreement with Panchamukhi Enterprises of Bengaluru on January 8, 2025 to procure combined vaccines worth Rs 4,43,21,040. The supplier agreed to supply 1,84,671 combined vaccine units and each unit is priced at Rs 240 including GST and other taxes.

The animal activists wonder why the BBMP agreed to this price. "The functioning of BBMP AHD reflects complete absence of accountability and transparency, with repeated violations of prevailing laws. Such systemic failure not only undermines governance but directly endangers health and life. An immediate, independent audit of all activities is imperative, and errant officials must be held strictly accountable without delay," said Lina S.

Arun Prasad, an animal activist, also questioned the waste of tax-payers' money. "The BBMP should have taken the market price into consideration before agreeing to pay an excess amount to the supplier," said Arun Prasad.

Not fully protective

Stating that the decision by BBMP to procure the 5-in-1 vaccine from Indian Immunologicals for street dogs has raised eyebrows, especially given the availability of a 7-in-1 vaccine from the same manufacturer, Sujaya Jagadish, an animal activist, said this choice might lead to questions about the effectiveness of the vaccination program and potential motivations behind it.

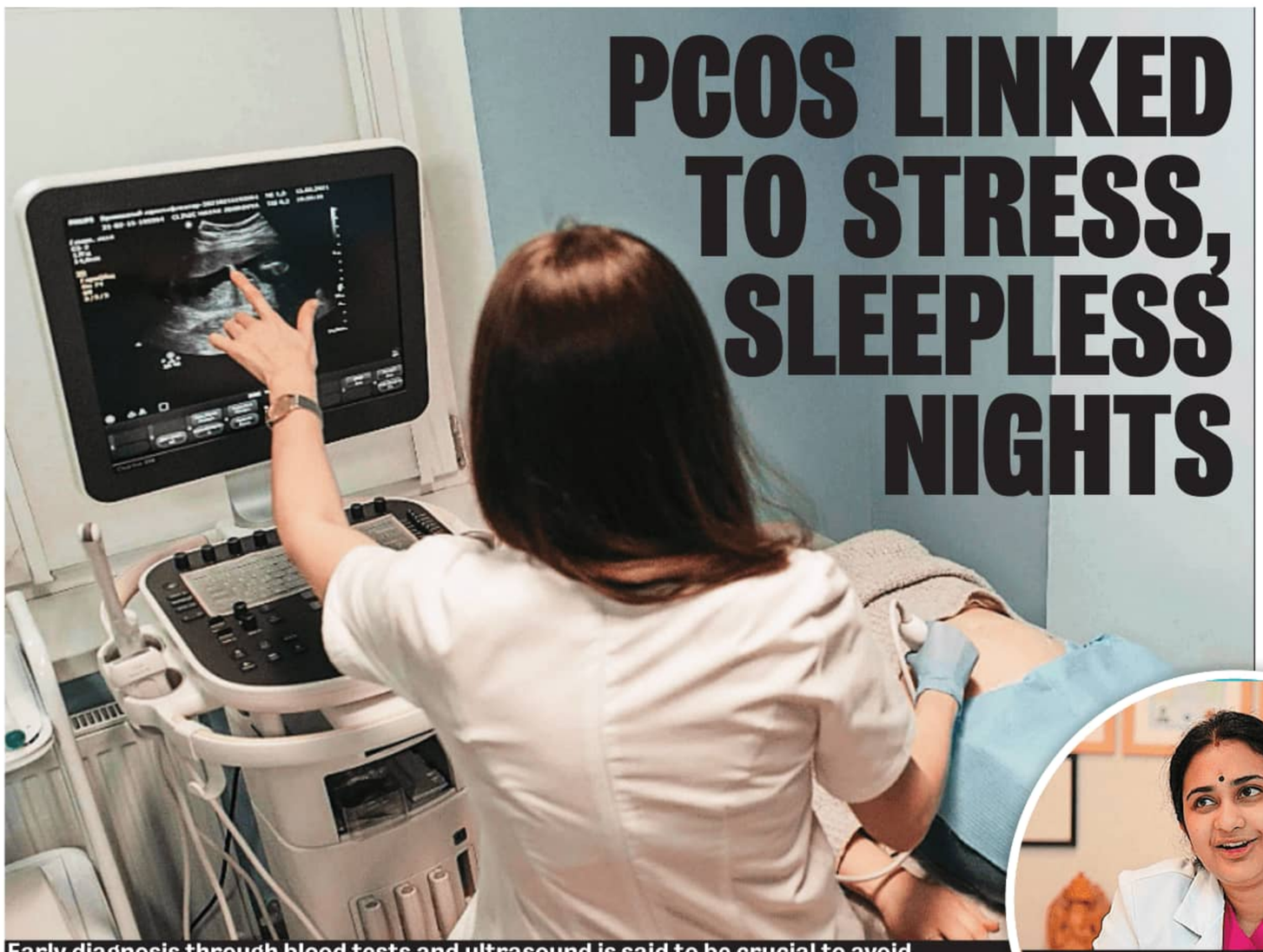
"The 5-in-1 vaccine may not provide the same level of protection as the 7-in-1 vaccine, potentially leaving street dogs vulnerable to diseases. According to a leading veterinary pharma in Bengaluru, the 5-in-1 vaccine is not recommended by veterinarians and is not commonly prescribed. They even advised against using this vaccine, suggesting that it would be better not to vaccinate at all rather than use the 5-in-1 vaccine. This raises significant concerns about BBMP's decision to procure a large quantity of 1,84,671 doses, worth around Rs 4.50 crore. Given BBMP's past controversies, it's natural to question the transparency and accountability of their procurement processes," Sujaya said.

She said that ensuring the well-being of street dogs should be a priority, and any decisions regarding their health should be guided by the best interests of the animals. "An enquiry should be made on these serious irregularities," she said.

Nevina Kamath, Secretary, Action for Animal Justice, said this expose of the huge margin in procurement price of the vaccines shows that the officials in charge of the process are ready to grab a cut by sacrificing the interest of the vulnerable and voiceless animals. "It is shocking that BBMP AHD is compromising not only on the health and safety of the dogs, but by extension, of the general public as well, by buying at an inflated price and that too for 5 in 1 Vaccine instead of the standard 7 in 1. Additional strains of diseases like leptospirosis spread by rats are zoonotic to both canines and humans and are covered by the 7 in 1 Vaccine and not by the lesser variant," Kamath said.

Kamath said that she fails to understand what actually they will procure, and what will be paid for, especially in the absence of a Monitoring Committee for ABC which is entrusted with oversight for all such decisions. "The rationale behind this kind of an inexplicable bargain keeps us wondering...unless it's just for a hefty commission. Public health and safety be damned," she said.

PCOS LINKED TO STRESS, SLEEPLESS NIGHTS



Early diagnosis through blood tests and ultrasound is said to be crucial to avoid long-term complications

Chronic stress and urban lifestyle habits are accelerating PCOS cases, affecting women's hormones, fertility, and emotional well-being worldwide

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Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is no longer a rare condition—it is rapidly becoming one of the most common health issues among young women. Traditionally linked to hormonal imbalances, irregular periods, and weight gain, PCOS is now being increasingly tied to chronic stress and modern lifestyle habits. Experts warn that today's fast-paced urban life—marked by late nights, unhealthy eating patterns, and mounting stress—is throwing women's hormonal balance off track.

But PCOS isn't just a physical condition. It silently impacts mental health too, a fact that is often overlooked in treatment plans. "Many women struggle with mood swings, anxiety, and even depression. Visible symptoms like acne or excess hair growth can shatter confidence," says Dr Sneha Shetty, Clinical Director & Chief Fertility Specialist at Vriksh Fertility. Unfortunately, most treatment plans focus only on restoring menstrual cycles or improving fertility, ignoring the emotional toll this condition takes on women.

One of the biggest myths surrounding PCOS is that it only affects overweight women with irregular periods. This misconception even misleads educated women. In reality, lean women with regular cycles can also have PCOS. Dr Shetty emphasises that it's not just a "period problem" but a complex hormonal and metabolic disorder. The sooner society moves away from stereotypes, the better the chances of early detection.

When it comes to treatment, hormonal medications often dominate prescriptions. But are they the only option? Experts say no. Lifestyle interventions such as a balanced diet, regular exercise, stress management, and mindfulness can significantly improve symptoms. In fact, these simple steps can be as effective as medicines for many women. "Your hormones respond to your lifestyle. Even small changes in daily habits can make a big difference," Dr Shetty notes.

So why exactly are PCOS cases rising so sharply? The answer lies in the demands of urban life. Skipping meals, bingeing on processed foods, sleeping late, and constant digital engagement add to chronic stress, which in turn disrupts the delicate endocrine system. Stress triggers excess production of cortisol, which can interfere with reproductive hormones, leading to PCOS.

Adding to the complexity is the fact that not all women show classic symptoms. Some do not experience irregular cycles or weight gain but may still have acne, excessive hair growth, or trouble conceiving. That's why early diagnosis through blood tests and ultrasound is crucial.

Ignoring subtle signs often leads to long-term complications, including infertility, diabetes, and heart disease.

Despite these challenges, there is hope on the horizon. Breakthrough research is moving toward personalised treatment—from drugs targeting insulin resistance to non-hormonal therapies for improving egg quality. Scientists are also exploring genetic factors that could predict risk earlier. The next five years could redefine how PCOS is treated, focusing on individual needs rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

If there's one message for teenage girls, it's this: listen to your body early. Irregular cycles, sudden weight changes, or severe acne should never be ignored. Building healthy habits in your teens, good sleep, nutritious food, regular exercise, and stress control can prevent years of health struggles later.

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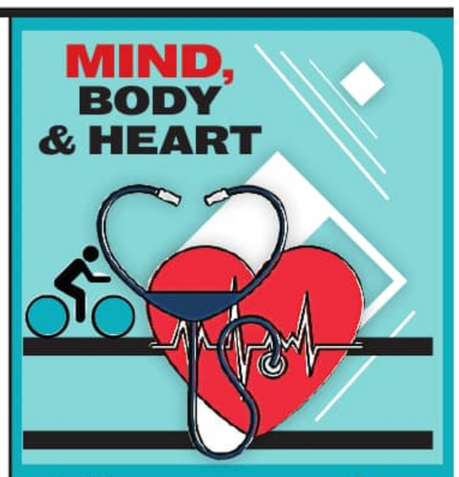

All you need to know about...

Supplements for women

Calcium
For women over 40 years of age, taking up calcium can make a real difference in maintaining strong bones and mobility and in balancing overall health. Calcium often builds as a building block of bones; beyond just strengthening the bones, it helps to keep healthy teeth and regulate muscle contractions by supporting the nerve function.

Vitamin D
Vitamin D, which can be supplied from the sun, is one of the most common deficiencies worldwide. One of its important functions is to help the body to absorb the calcium. Which is essential for maintaining strong bones and preventing osteoporosis. Vitamin D also supports a healthy immune system, which helps to regulate a good mood, and plays a crucial role in keeping the muscles strong and flexible. While small amounts of vitamin D can be found in food like fatty fish, eggs, and dairy, they aren't enough to meet daily needs. This is why taking an adequate vitamin D supplement is necessary for women over 40.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids
Omega-3 fatty acids are one of the most powerful nutrients that one needs to have for overall health and the aging process. Omega-3s are commonly found in fish oil and plant-based oil, which are well known for protecting heart health, and become important as the risk of cardiovascular issues rises with age.

Magnesium
Women in their 40s and beyond require adequate intake of magnesium, as it enriches to improve one's health by improving energy and supporting bone and heart health, which provides overall balance in daily life. Taking magnesium will help to maintain the rhythm of the heartbeat and balance the blood pressure by adding strength to the bone.

—Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

He'll like my story but won't text me

You're not imagining it. He's still there. He saw those stories of your GNO. He double-tapped that OOTD pic from brunch. He also reacted to the funny cat meme you shared. But your inbox? Still dry!

He won't text, he won't call, but somehow, he's always watching! Welcome to the strange purgatory of modern dating, where someone can watch you daily online but talk to you never. And if I'm being honest, that passive digital presence feels a lot more frustrating than radio silence.

It's confusing, isn't it? The strange spot between being digitally close yet emotionally distant. It's not exactly ghosting, it's not even breadcrumbing, it's something subtler and a lot more confusing. An emotional presence of sorts without any real effort.

From personal experience, I can vouch for how much it messes with your head—because visibility can feel like validation. A quick story view within 13 minutes of you posting it can feel like he still cares. A like can lead you to feeling hopeful for more. But here's the harsh truth—none of it actually means he's choosing you IRL.

And soon enough, you start posting content just for him. It could be a picture of the book you spoke about, or even a boomerang of you sipping on his favourite

cocktail silently hoping that something will nudge him into remembering how easy things were. Or into texting you. Hate to break it to you, but he won't.

Here's the gospel truth—someone who wants you in their life and wants to be a part of yours, will make the effort to be. Not just your views, or reactions, but putting in the effort to text you, call you, or even just be there for you.

How To Not Let It Affect You

Start by restricting and muting him. Not out of spite, but for peace. Hitting unfollow, if you're ready for it, also always works. Remind yourself that you need a person and not a digital presence–someone silently lurking on your Insta is really not the same as someone showing up. And while we're at that, remember to only always post for yourself, and not what you hope he'll notice and react to.

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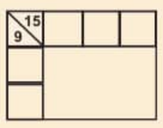
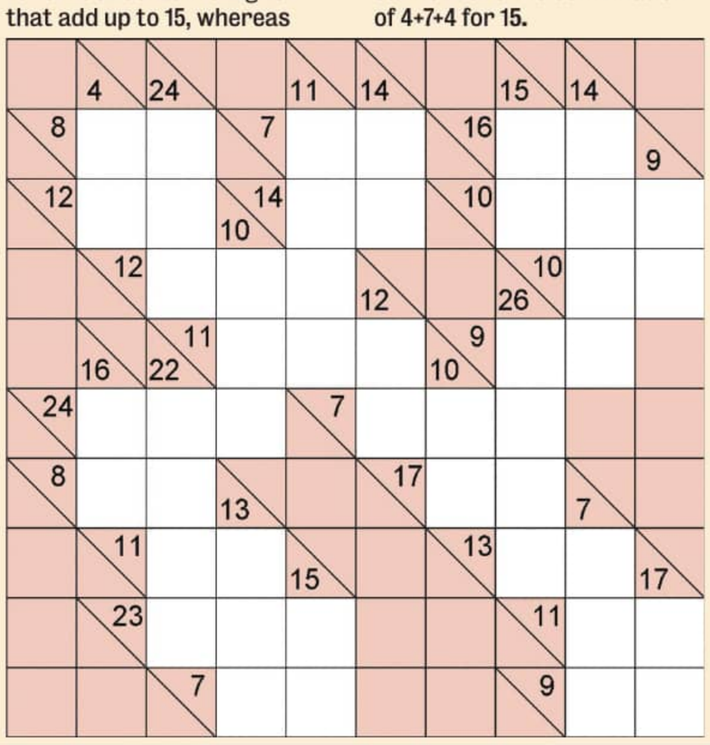
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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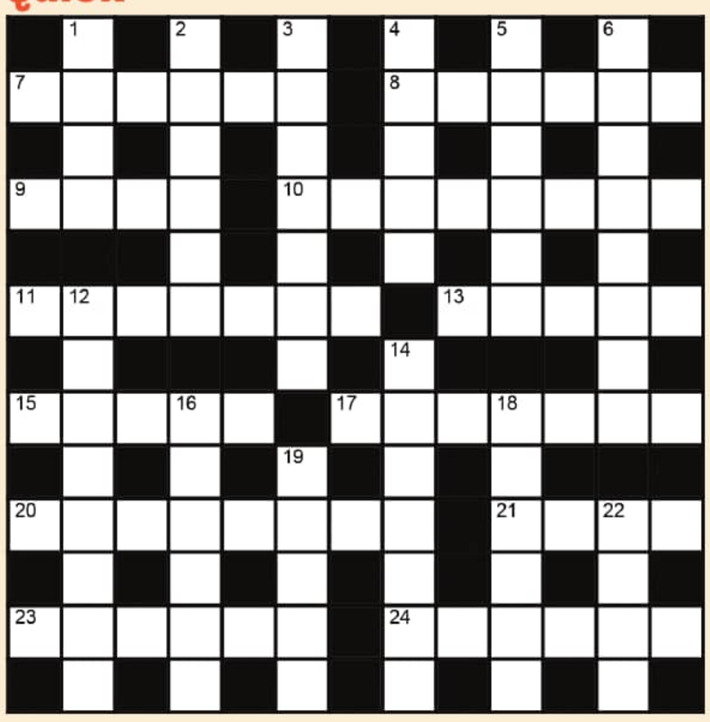


ACROSS

7 Answer back (6)
8 Breads or pieces of bread (6)
9 Mr McCartney of the Beatles (4)
10 Against the current (8)
11 Indian flat bread (7)
13 Due (5)
15 Secret store or hiding place (5)
17 Latin American dance (7)
20 An imaginary place of great wealth (2,6)
21 Frozen treats (4)
23 Delayed (4,2)
24 Pillager (6)

DOWN

1 White cheese (4)
2 Rough lump (6)
3 Yearly payment (7)
4 Hold closely (5)
5 Ancient burial-place (6)
6 Stayed back, stuck with or survived (8)
12 Publican or restaurateur? (8)
14 Tasty (7)
16 Bladed weapons (6)
18 Scottish magistrate (6)
19 Beach near Udupi (5)
22 Equal in amount (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS Y

QFKN Z HMY PMW VFES ZKN PMW ZNN QFJS NZPU XM SJSCP ASSE.

Linemaro

I'm single and desolate. Can you help me?

Mindchow

When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people

Joke of the day

I don't like sex on television... I keep falling off

Loop

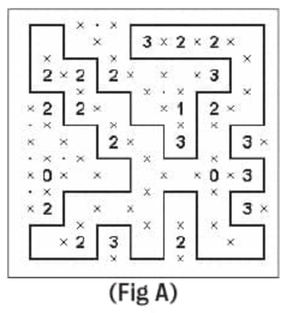
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

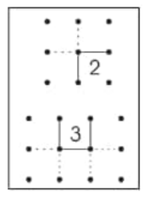
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

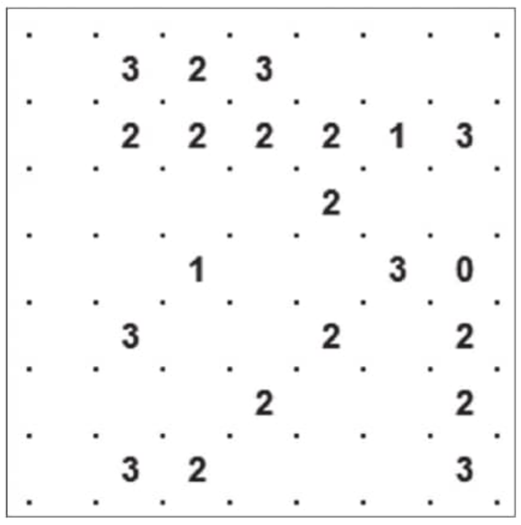
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



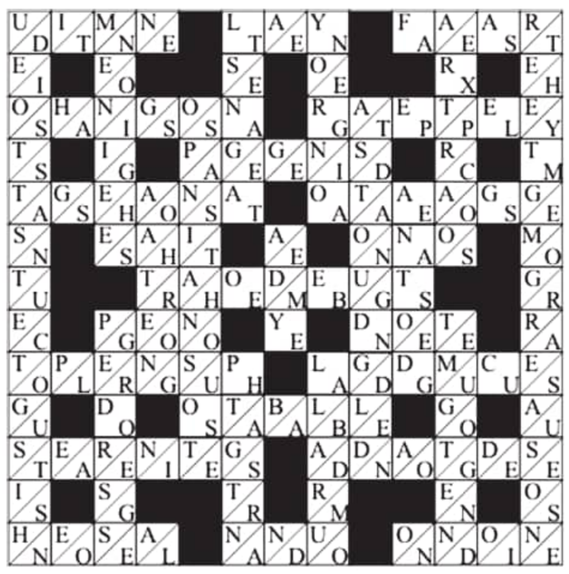
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



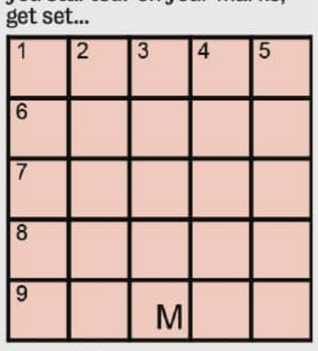
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

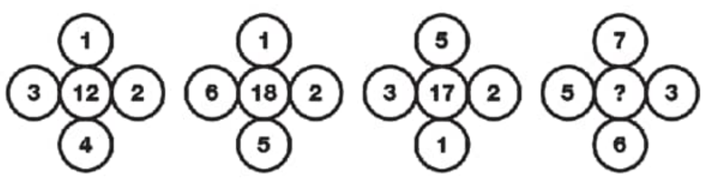
1 To bar; 6 Do Vie; 7 CE jet; 8 Outer; 9 Mud it

DOWN

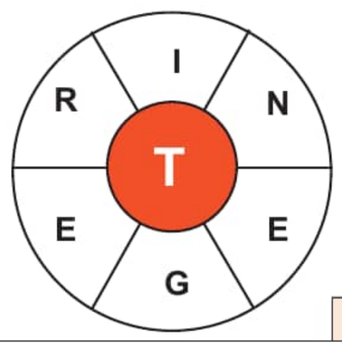
1 Trave; 2 Ju Bio; 3 Due mo; 4 Trice; 5 Ted to

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

17 Average; 18 Good; 20 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		3	7		6	1		
1			2		5			9
	5	4				6	2	
	4			5			1	
			8		1			
	2			3			9	
	7	2				4	3	
3			1		4			7
		8	3		9	2		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

3 5 6 6

Medium = 4

1 2 6 8

Hard = 30

2 6 6 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

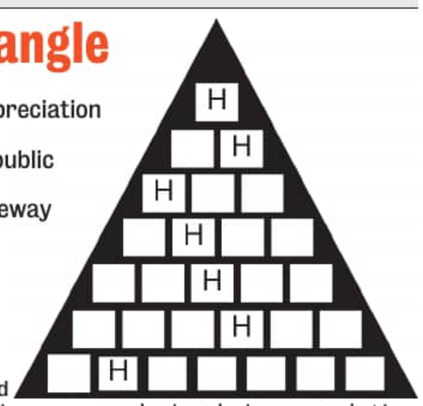
Differences: 1. Diploma is reversed. 2. Door is wider. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Headrest is larger. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Pocket is added.

Riddler

A sundial is a timepiece that has the fewest number of moving parts. Which timepiece has the most moving parts?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 1
2 Expression of appreciation
3 Possessed
4 North African republic
5 Was painful
6 Like a curved gateway
7 Accused



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

HA! HA!! YOUR DEMON WAS A BUST!
BAH! HE ISN'T THROUGH!
HA!
YES, HE IS! OLIVE WAS TOO MUCH...HE DEMATERIALIZED!
WE'RE ALONE AND SAFE!
I DON'T KNOW... WE STILL HAS TA EXPECT SUMPIN' FROM PERFESSOR O.G. WOTASNOZZLE!
12-4
BUD SAHLENDORF
popeye.com

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

OKAY, I'VE GOT SINGING AND ACTING COVERED. WHAT ABOUT DANCING? HOW DO I GET THE SCHOOL TO KNOW I'M A TRIPLE THREAT AND DESERVE "BEST ENTERTAINER"?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING FLASH MOB VIDEOS LATELY. WHAT ABOUT THAT? AN ELECTRIC SLIDE THAT ANYONE CAN JOIN?
DANCING DURING LUNCH SOUNDS A LITTLE DESPERATE.
I AM DESPERATE. LET'S DO IT.
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Crankshaft

TELL ME, BATTON... HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE NAME 'RAPPING AROUND' FOR THE COMIC THAT YOU WERE DOING FOR THE LOCAL PAPER?
OPEN
PIZZA
MY EDITOR DECIDED TO HOLD A CONTEST TO NAME THE PANEL... AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK BAD IF THE PAPER DIDN'T GET ANY RESPONSES... SO I MADE UP A BUNCH OF TITLES AND SENT THEM IN...
US MAIL
5-26
AND ONE OF MINE WON!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel a sense of dissatisfaction and find it difficult to take on your responsibilities with full focus. Financially, there could be some setbacks as investments may not yield the expected results. Be cautious while signing documents, and review every detail before committing.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel the urge to relocate or make a major change in your current environment. Whether it's moving to a new place or exploring a new job opportunity, think twice before making any final decisions. A calm and peaceful mindset will guide you, but matters related to your children's health may cause concern.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Patience will be your strength today. Meditation or quiet reflection may improve your concentration, helping you progress swiftly on projects. The support of subordinates and colleagues will make it easier to meet deadlines ahead of schedule. Short work-related travel may also be on the cards.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Family gatherings and social events may keep you occupied today. Your polite and charming nature will make you more likable among others, boosting your prestige. Financially, you may spend on decorative items, artefacts, or household goods that enhance your lifestyle and social status.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Blessed by the Moon, today you are likely to feel energetic, happy, and healthy. Your positive energy will reflect in the way you work and interact with others. Strong focus and concentration will help you take important decisions in business, especially those related to long-term growth.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Your vitality may feel lower today, and an old health issue could resurface, causing discomfort. It's advisable to avoid risky activities, adventurous trips, or rash driving. Legal matters, if any, should be settled outside of court for smoother resolutions. On a positive note, you may start considering an overseas trip.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may begin the day on a happy and optimistic note. At work, your ability to take quick decisions will improve your management skills, bringing long-term benefits. New sources of income may open up, strengthening your financial situation. With the support of a business partner, you may invest additional resources.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Your day may be consumed by professional responsibilities, leaving little time for family. Mental tiredness could make you feel less connected at home. However, with the blessings of elders, significant progress is possible in your career. Job seekers may receive opportunities for high-level positions.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Positive energy surrounds you today, giving you clarity and peace of mind. This balanced state will reflect in your actions and improve your performance across different areas of life. Postponed tasks or goals may finally find direction, thanks to destiny being on your side. A visit to a spiritual or religious place may inspire you.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Internal weakness or recurring health issues may disturb your peace today. Both professional and domestic matters could feel challenging, and ongoing projects may face sudden obstacles. These disruptions may leave you feeling upset or restless. It's important to take extra care while travelling or driving.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today brings a positive and stable atmosphere. You may consider starting a new business venture, possibly in partnership, which has the potential to succeed in the long run. Long-distance travel may also arise, offering new experiences and opportunities. Trust and faith with your spouse will grow, bringing harmony and stability.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
A fortunate day lies ahead for you. Investors may see good returns on previous investments, boosting financial strength. Money that was stuck may finally be recovered, improving cash flow and liquidity in your business. This success will make you feel more confident and capable of dealing with hidden enemies or opponents.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= (3^8 ÷ 3^6)^4 ÷ (3^4)
= (3^2)^4 ÷ (3^4)
= 3^8 / 3^4
= 3^4 = 81

RIDDLER
An hourglass

BULL'S EYE
enter, entire, gent, girt, greet, grit, inert, INTEGER, regent, rent, rite, teeing, teen, tier, tiger, tine, tinge, tire, tree, TREEING

FAST FIVE

A	B	O	R	T
V	I	D	E	O
E	J	E	C	T
R	O	U	T	E
T	U	M	I	D

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
Find a job you like and you add five days to every week.

QUOTE UNCODE
29. In each diagram, add up the 4 outer numbers then add 2 for the left hand group, 4 for the next, then 6, then 8, and put this result in the central circle.

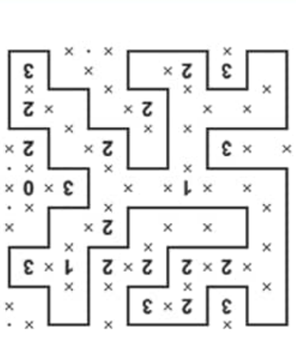
SUDOKU

4	1	8	3	7	9	2	6	5
3	6	5	1	2	4	9	8	7
9	7	2	5	6	8	4	3	1
5	2	1	4	3	7	8	9	6
6	3	7	8	9	1	5	4	2
8	4	9	6	5	2	7	1	3
7	5	4	9	1	3	6	2	8
1	8	6	2	4	5	3	7	9
2	9	3	7	8	6	1	5	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, Ah, Had, Ched, Arched, Charged.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 - 6 + 6 - 3 = 2
Medium
2 + 8 / 1 - 6 = 4
Hard
6 - 2 x 6 + 6 = 30

LOOP



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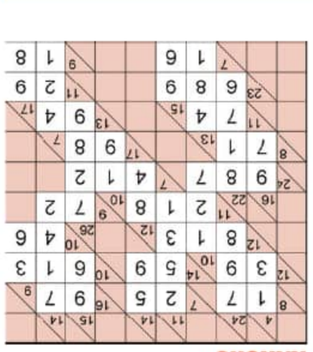

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Many roles

Vinay Kumar Vaidyanathan, who is busy with his maiden movie Austin Na Mahanmouna scheduled for release on September 5, debuts as a hero, director, and producer in Sandalwood with this movie that is set in the 1990s.

The trailer of the movie was unveiled by producer K Manju at MMB Legacy on Friday. An exhibition of live music instruments by music director Vishi was held on

the occasion.

Vinay said that he had basic training in acting at Rangayana, Mysuru and making short films and ad films since 2012. "I am basically an electrical engineer. Austin Na Mahanmouna is my debut. This movie is an emotional thriller love story and I am sure audiences will enjoy it," said Vinay. He said he had a chance to work for late Puneeth Rajkumar movies and learnt a lot. "Austin Na Mahanmouna revolves around a Christian family in a coastal area," he said.

Vishi said he had a passion towards music since his childhood. "Actress Prakruthi and I studied in the same college. She wanted to become an actress while I wanted to become a music director. Both of us have realised our dreams with this movie," said Vishi.

Suspense thriller

The team of Maayavi began promotional activities by unveiling the trailer and soundtrack of the movie. Janardhana Swamy, former MP from Chitradurga, actors Tsunami Kitty and Ganesh Rao Kesarkar were the guests of honour at the event.

Post-production works are in progress in the film. Nischita Shetty is paired opposite Raghuram. The movie also features MK Mata, Surya Praveen, Suresh Babu, Anuradha, Shilpa, and Kushi Gowda.

The movie is bankrolled by Dr Mahantesh H under the Sri Durga Security Services banner while Shankar G directed it.

Raghuram said acting in movies has always been his passion. "I hail

from Chitradurga and am basically an engineer working at a private firm. I nourished a dream of becoming a hero in a movie. Now, I am very happy to realise my long-pending dream. It was very challenging for me to play the lead character that has dual shades," said Raghuram.

Director Shankar G described the movie as a suspense thriller. "It conveys a message to audiences," he said.

In the glare of the spotlight

Janhvi talks about burden of fame she has had to face since childhood

Janhvi Kapoor has been in the limelight of the film world since she was a little girl. As the daughter of the beautiful queen of the screen, Sridevi, every step she took was in front of the audience.

Janhvi Kapoor has now shared about her childhood concerns in an interview with Vogue India. The paparazzi followed her from school age; going to school, going to a concert, standing hand in hand with her mother at the airport—everything became news.

Although it was a game for her when she was young, later it became a huge burden for Janhvi Kapoor. Especially in the era of social media, he became the center of much attention at the end of the decade and at the age of sixteen.

Continuing in the same interview, Janhvi Kapoor shared how her mother Sridevi's legacy changed her life. "They won't compare my first film to my mother's first film. They will compare it to her 350th film. That's a burden no one wants," Sridevi would always say. Janhvi Kapoor still feels how true those words are. Although those comparisons put additional pressure on her achievements in cinema, she never forgot the pride that "at least I am being compared to the greatest actress in history."

At the same time, the grief after losing her mother, Sri Devi, and the media attention that followed were her biggest challenges. "If you laugh after losing your mother, they'll call you a critic, and if you cry, they'll call you a cold person. Even our misery has become entertainment for people," she shared painfully. **—ETimes**

Weighty issue

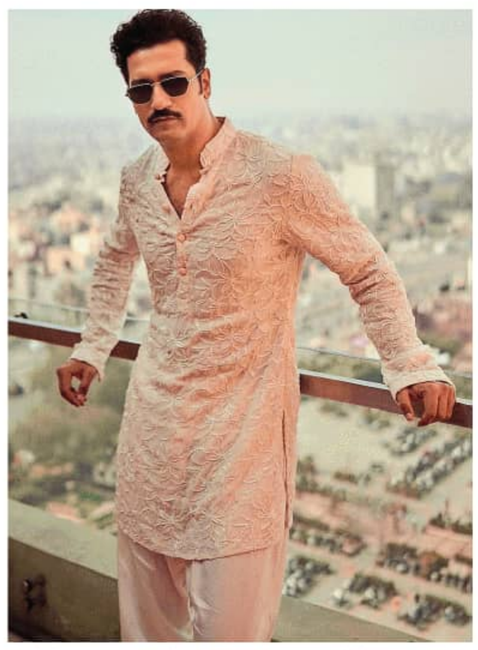
A character transformation that made headlines was Vicky Kaushal's role as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj in 'Chaava.'

The actor gained 25 kilos to portray the Maratha warrior. From building muscle mass to raising his endurance level, he went the extra mile and left no stone unturned. However, when he described his weight gain journey, he didn't describe it as extensive; rather called it 'boring.'

Blessed with good metabolism, he once confessed he has this 'beautiful problem' that he can shed kilos despite eating junk food.

Vicky Kaushal, during his appearance on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati,' the actor got candid about his metabolism, which is unique with its own perks and quirks.

"I have one beautiful problem. I don't gain weight. I have to put in effort to put on weight. Sir, I can shed kilos



while eating burger, pizza)," he confessed to Amitabh Bachchan. When the veteran actor then asked him what he does to gain, the actor replied, he goes on a boring diet for it. "I have to eat everything grilled, increase my quantity, and work out to gain weight. People go to the gym to lose weight, I go to put on a few kg," Vicky elaborated. **— ETimes**

Priyanka, Nick celebrate furry friends

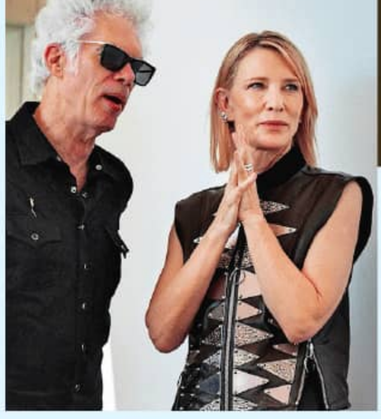
Global head-turner Priyanka Chopra Jonas along with her American popstar husband Nick Jonas celebrated the birthday of their four-legged babies Gino and Diana with a heart melting post on social media.

Priyanka and Nick in a collaborative post on Instagram, shared a reel video featuring fun moments they have spent with Gino, a German Shepherd and Diana, whom the actress adopted from the North Shore Rescue in New York. For the caption, she wrote: "One's built for the sheets and the other for the streets. Happy Birthday to our Gino and Di Di. We love you so much. Mama and daddy miss you. @diariesofdiana @ginothegermaan."

The actress on August 30 revealed that she is enjoying her holiday in Africa. She shared a bunch of pictures from her vacation in Africa.

The pictures show the actress enjoying her holiday, gorging on some lip-smacking food, shedding the extra pounds in the gym, capturing the wildlife in her lens, sitting under the night sky, and enjoying some breathtaking views.

She simply wrote in the caption, "Lately". **—IANS**



Huge round of applause

Cate Blanchett's latest movie, 'Father Mother Sister Brother' from director Jim Jarmusch, premiered at Venice Film Festival on Sunday night to a five-minute standing ovation, reported Variety.

According to the outlet, Blanchett, who plays a pair of sisters with actress Vicky Krieps in this slice-of-life movie, received a positive response from the crowd in the Sala Grande theatre.

As the credits rolled, director Jarmusch paused to give each of his leading ladies, including Blanchett, Krieps, Charlotte Rampling, Mayim Bialik and Indya Moore, a kiss on the hand.

Luka Sabbat was representing the men in the film at the premiere, as Adam Driver and Tom Waits, who play a father and son in the film, were unable to attend the festival, according to Variety. After five minutes of clapping, the director gave a nod to his cast and exited the theatre.

As per Variety, the movie is a triptych, following three separate stories set in different countries and revolving around relationships between adult children, their somewhat distant parents and each other.

The first part, 'Father' is set in the Northeastern U.S., 'Mother' is in Dublin, Ireland and 'Sister Brother' takes place in Paris, France.

— ANI